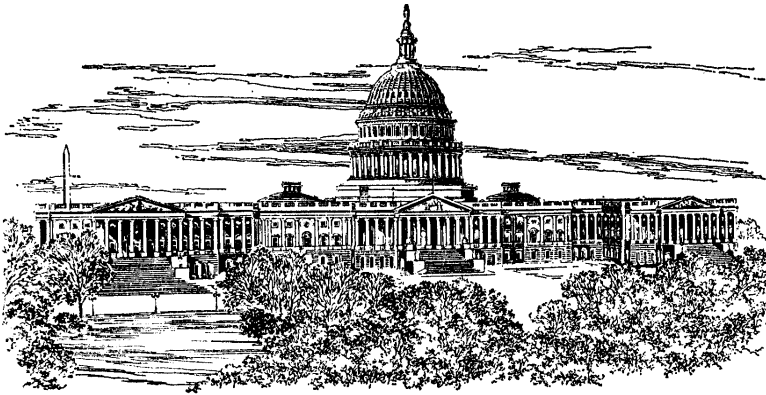


19th Congressional District of Texas

Public Policy Internship Program



***A working classroom experience
in legislation and representative
government in the nation's capital.***

THE EXPERIENCE

The 19th Congressional District Internship Program provides undergraduate students who attend Texas Tech University or West Texas A&M University the opportunity for a firsthand experience that emphasizes how federal policy is formulated in the nation's capital.

Student interns will develop an understanding of the jobs that staff members perform for Members of Congress and how federal policy affects constituents of the 19th District of Texas.

In addition, interns monitor legislative action, provide updated information to congressional staff, respond to constituent requests and assist in answering constituents' questions.

ACADEMIC CREDIT

It is the student's responsibility to arrange for any academic credit gained through the 19th Congressional District Public Policy Internship Program. Congressman Combest strongly encourages students to pursue academic credit through their professors for the practical work they will do while participating in the internship.

In the past, individual college professors have coordinated course credit hours and curriculum for the semester. Your professors may also require reports and term papers in order to meet certain academic requirements.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

**Spring Semester: November 1 of previous year
Fall Semester: April 1 of year participating**

HOW TO APPLY

The student should obtain an application from their university within enough time to complete and return the application with a resume. The application process requires that the student indicate semester preference, qualifications, academic major, classification and degree objective, Grade Point Average, anticipated graduation date, campus and permanent addresses and phone numbers, activities and employment experience, both on and off campus.

Tech students' applications go to their college dean

WTAMU students' applications go to Dr. Flavius Killebrew

ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION

Undergraduate students who have completed their freshman year and have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 are eligible to participate. Selection of interns is based on Grade Point Average, demonstrated leadership, knowledge of the legislative process, college enrollment within the 19th District, written and verbal communication skills, as well as knowledge of the district and interview responses.

Universities forward names of top applicants to the congressman's office as candidates for internship. Congressman Combest will make final selections from candidates during individual interviews.

THE INTERVIEW

Candidates will be notified of their pending interview within a short time period before it is scheduled. The site for the interview will be determined by the congressman's office, at a location within the 19th Congressional District.

During the interview, the candidate will be asked by Congressman Combest to briefly explain why participating in the internship is of interest. The discussion will include the student's background as well as the importance of a congressman's role in representing constituents' concerns.

Candidates should prepare for the interview by being informed about the legislative process and the 19th Congressional District. Information may be obtained from the college dean at the participating university or directly from the congressman's Washington, D.C. office at **(202) 225-4005**.

WORKING AND LIVING IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Interns chosen for the program are expected to be on the job for the full term of the college semester. The exact reporting date and departure date are subject to agreement between the university, the congressman and the intern.

Each intern will receive a \$1,000 monthly stipend to help defray living costs in Washington, D.C. The congressman's office can provide advice on housing, but finding a suitable place to live is fully the student's responsibility.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

The overall objective of the 19th Congressional District Public Policy Intern Program is to provide students who have an interest in public policy the opportunity to observe and contribute to the policymaking process, thereby enhancing their leadership skills.

In addition to an improved understanding of the policy process, students gain the practical knowledge of how a congressional office develops public policy, as well as communicating, interpreting and evaluating policy options based on the concerns of constituents.

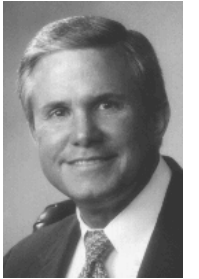
From the congressman's 19th District office in the U.S. House of Representatives, interns have the opportunity to participate in the legislative process on a broad array of issues.

Congressman Combest is the Vice Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee as well as the Vice Chairman of the House Small Business Committee.

During the course of the student's internship, the college program director, in conjunction with the congressman's office, will regularly monitor and evaluate the intern's progress.

"This internship lets students from our region learn by doing. They have a front row seat to the legislative process for an experience that may challenge their own perceptions about how federal policy is made in the nation's capital."

-Congressman Larry Combest



What others say about the internship program:

"I couldn't have asked for more from the experience. I have actually been a part of what I've studied in class."

-John Osborne (1993) West Texas A&M University

"It's the best way to get a background look into what really goes on in Congress."

-Amy Magness (1994) Texas Tech University

"It made me so much more aware of what's going on."

-Brent Oden (1993) West Texas A&M University

"This is a great opportunity for outstanding experience."

-Mimi Alemayehou (1994) West Texas A&M University

"An education in political science can never be complete without practical experience. The ultimate practical experience is to work with a national legislator."

-Roger C. Schaefer, Ph.D.

**Associate Professor, Political Science
Texas Tech University**

"There are a lot of people out there who would have given just about anything to have had an experience like this when they attended the university."

-Flavius C. Killebrew, Ph.D.

**Provost/vice President for Academic Affairs
West Texas A&M University**